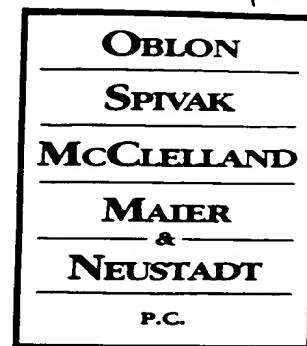




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Responsive to the Official Action dated October 3, 2001, Applicants elect, with
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REMARKS

The Office has required restriction in the present application as follows:

- 1) Group I: Claims 1-6, directed to a glassy-film-forming coating agent;
- 2) Group II: a glassy-film-coating method; and
- 3) Group III: Claims 13-21, directed to a coated bottle.

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The Examiner, citing PCT Rule 13.1 and 13.2, contends that Groups I-III do not relate to a single general inventive concept because they lack the same or corresponding special technical features. Specifically, the Office argues that "Claim 1 is anticipated by or obvious over JP 04362033A, EP 423337B1 and JP 08091855A." However, the Office has